

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/25/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2, 3, 5-9, 12, 15, 25, 26, 28, 32-35, 39, 40, 43, 47 and 49-58.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

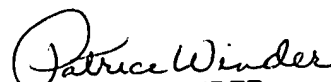
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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1. This action is responsive to the correspondence filed on November 25, 2005.

Claims 2, 3, 5-9, 12, 15, 25, 26, 28, 32-35, 39, 40, 43, 47 and 49-56 are amended.

Claims 1, 4, 24, 27, 31 and 48 are cancelled. Claims 57-58 are added. Claims 2, 3, 5-9, 12, 15, 25, 26, 28, 32-35, 39, 40, 43, 47 and 49-58 represent methods and apparatus for using SCTP to provide mobility of a network device.

2. **Allowable Subject Matter**

3. Claims 2, 3, 5-9, 12, 15, 25, 26, 28, 32-35, 39, 40, 43, 47 and 49-58 are allowed.

4. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.109 and M.P.E.P. 1302.14, the following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination the claimed limitations of "receiving an SCTP acknowledgement message from the second network device acknowledgement receipt of the SCTP configuration message, wherein the SCTP acknowledgement message comprises an SCTP packet including a chunk having a chunk type indicating that the chunk includes an SCTP acknowledgement; and appending a chunk to an SCTP packet, the chunk including the SCTP configuration message, wherein the chunk comprises a chunk type indicating the chunk includes an SCTP configuration message".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**5. Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to El Hadji Sall whose telephone number is (571)272-4010. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am-6:00pm w/ first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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